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TOPIC Brandis Airfield

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1. Two fighters (radial engine, trapezoidal wings, cut wing tips, elevator assembly same as wings) were observed taking off from the Brandis (N 52/E 31) airfield in the afternoon of 8 March 1950. Officers and BM wearing blue service color approached the field. A third fighter of the type described and a twin-engine transport were parked on the western edge of the field. Two biplanes took off in the late afternoon heading northeast. Jeep [redacted] was seen in Brandis.

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2. The airfield had a concrete EW runway. The Machern (N 52/E 41) - Polenz (N 52/E 41) road running along the western edge of the field was graded in line with the landing field. The field was apparently being expanded westward beyond this road.

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3. a. Six single-engine fighters whose type could not be determined were parked on the northern edge of the field on 16 March 1950.

b. Six jet fighters with the following features were on the western edge: Air intake in nose, wings short and considerably swept back, elevator assembly set at upper third of very high rudder assembly, nose wheel, main landing gear under wings, small tail. A group of Soviet officers and civilians thoroughly inspected the individual aircraft.

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4. Trucks [redacted] loaded with briquettes, drove to the field. [redacted] The field was unusually strictly guarded. The eastern section of the asphalt EW runway was marked by white stones.

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a. [redacted] the airfield is occupied by fighters. No aircraft were observed at the field up to early February 1950. It has not been determined whether the airfield now is permanently occupied by an air unit or if it is temporarily used by fighters for training purposes. The assignment of the observed aircraft is not known. [redacted]

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[redacted] the unit is probably assigned to the I Gds Ftr Corps.

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b. The described jet aircraft are of type 1A. Aircraft of this type are assigned to all other fighter units stationed at airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

c. The reported expansion of the landing field to the west was confirmed

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